

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., August 23, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman Payton M. Otey; and Councilman Ronnie C. Rice.

Members absent: Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on August 9, 1994, were approved as distributed.

Councilman Grahame thanked Rubatex Corporation for its assistance during the recent Go-Kart race, and stated that the race was extremely successful.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer thanked the Chief of Police for allowing her to ride with Sgt. Bush and observe a shift in the Police Department.

Mayor Shelton thanked Officer Litton for his assistance in helping a young man on a Cub Scout project.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried, the following item was added to the agenda: Executive Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(7), for consultation with legal counsel and staff regarding consolidation issues.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: appointment of Mr. James A. Vest to serve a four-year term on the Central Virginia Community College Board, said term to expire June 30, 1998.

Councilwoman Kochendarfer moved that the consent agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried.

City Manager Gross stated that on February 22, 1994, Mr. Scott Lansing of the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) and Mr. Dennis Gragg, Executive Director of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, presented information to Council on the availability of state and federal grants for rural public transportation. At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution in support of public transportation between the City and County of Bedford and the greater Lynchburg metropolitan area. A public hearing was held during the Council meeting on March 22 to solicit input from the public as to the need for such a transportation system. At that time, the proposed system would have included two buses each for the City and the County which would operate six days a week.

Mr. Gross reported that because of a cutback in federal grant funds, the system as now planned would include one bus for each locality. The GLTC has provided a revised budget, which indicates that the City's share of the operating and capital budgets for the service is \$19,444. The City Manager indicated that this service is distinct from the bus which is presently running between Bedford and Lynchburg on Fridays only.

That service has been made available through a grant from the State Agency on Aging.

Mr. Lansing gave a slide presentation that addressed the benefits, the service, the costs, and the future of public transportation in Bedford.

Discussion ensued.

With the concurrence of Council, Mayor Shelton referred this item to the Finance Committee for further study and asked that the Finance Committee report back to Council at the next regular meeting. The Mayor stated that the Board of Supervisors should be contacted as to its direction in this. Mr. Lansing will meet with the Finance Committee.

The following individuals spoke regarding requests for assistance to keep the Bedford Adult Day Care Center open:

Carla Groff, Coordinator of the Bedford Day Care Center for Adults

Linda Lee, Director of the Home Health Department at Bedford County Memorial Hospital

Roger Henderson, Chairman of the Bedford Community Health Foundation, Inc., reviewed the assistance the Foundation has offered to help keep the Center open.

Donald Duncan, 818 Pinecrest Avenue

Mabel Heath

Ethel Spradlin

Betty Luck

Judy Brunk

Burton Ely

Arlene McGuire

Tammy Anderson

Darrell Feasel, Transportation Engineering Supervisor

The Mayor and City Manager will prepare a letter to the Bedford County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors expressing the concern of Council that the Center should remain open and include some of the comments made by individuals at this meeting.

Mayor Shelton stated that a resolution of support can be considered at the next regular meeting of Council.

The City Manager stated that at a recent meeting of the Solid Waste Committee, information was presented regarding the cost of disposal of tires in the City landfill. The Central Virginia Planning District Commission

is working on a plan for a regional waste tire program. At this time, the City of Bedford has the lowest fee of the jurisdictions, at 30 cents per tire, and consequently has the largest stockpile of tires.

Mr. Gross indicated that the Committee recommended increasing the tipping fee to \$1.00 per tire, effective September 1, 1994, and to revisit this charge when the Planning District Commission makes a recommendation for regional standardization of fees. The attorney for the Planning District Commission has indicated that such standardization would not violate antitrust laws.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried, Council increased the landfill tipping fee for disposal of tires from 30 cents to \$1.00 per tire, effective September 1, 1994.

After a five minute recess declared by the Mayor, Councilman Rice moved that Council adjourn into executive session for consultation with legal counsel and staff regarding consolidation issues, pursuant to the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-344(a)(7). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	absent
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 9:27 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:45 p.m. The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Councilman Rice moved that resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	absent
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m.